

THE GRINDLEFORD NEWS

July 2022



The third Saturday in June is Grindleford Carnival Day. It had been for some 80 years until 2019 when the organising committee took a break. Then the pandemic stuck. Earlier this year a group of village residents began chatting about reinstating Carnival Week. They met regularly and unpicked where things had stalled.

Thanks go to Rachel, Ben, Emma, Mattie and Matt for their efforts, and to all the wonderful volunteers who stepped up to help pull off a magnificent week of fun, games, exhibitions and music.

We started off the week on Sunday 12th with Village Boot Camp and a giant game of rounders thanks to Mattie Cooper and Physicality, alongside a scheduled game of cricket. The Pavilion field hadn't seen so many people in months, but that was just the warm up act.

Monday 13th was the Junior Fell Race, organised by Andy & Beth Marshall with a large proportion of the village school and some pre-schoolers taking part on the tried and tested course between Padley and the river Derwent.

Thursday saw over 350 runners descend on the village for the annual Fell Race. With its two river crossings and beautiful views it attracts plenty from as far afield as Derby. With a fancy marquee erected on the day the organisers put on a bar and BBQ after the race which set the tone nicely for the big day. Thanks to Critchlow's and Thornbridge for the food and beer!

Friday was the school disco, run by a valiant posse of teachers it was a great opportunity for parents to help with the carnival set up and enjoy a drink in the sunshine on our wonderful playing field.



Then onto the big day. Since the last running of the carnival a great deal has happened at the Pavilion. Significant money was raised to enable the building of a new extension and also a revamped playground. Both were celebrated on the day in fine style. Grindleford At Play was the theme for the fancy dress, with many folk rising to the challenge with fun and interactive dressing of their houses over the preceding week. The Playing Fields Committee extended a huge thank you to all donors and sponsors with a lavish afternoon tea which saw the building packed to the gunnels despite the lovely weather. Outside there was a cracking fancy dress

competition (grand prize won by the Marshal family with their multi-player Pacman board), a daft dog show, an extreme mountain bike display, axe throwing, inflatables, a bar and BBQ, giant raffle, numerous amazing stalls, and a duck race down the river. There are too many people to thank, but it was very evident that our village community spirit was alive and kicking after the hiatus.



To finish off, as the crowds dispersed and the rain began, the marquee was laid out with tables, chairs and fairy lights and local band Under One Roof began their sound checks. At seven, folk drifted back to the marquee with picnics and danced the night away. It was grand.



The carnival is a big deal for the village. It is one of a number of events which breathe life into the community, allow residents to get together and catch up. It's probably never been as important as it is right now. But it takes effort to organise it. The team this year was largely new to the task and rose to the challenge brilliantly, but could do with help going forward. It's actually a lot of fun. And it has the added benefit of raising money which is funnelled back into the village. This year the carnival raised over £1,200.00.

For more information about the carnival (finances, meeting minutes etc) see <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/4/my-drive>. Contact the carnival committee on grindlefordcarnival1@gmail.com

Lastly, save the date for next year: Saturday 17th June 2023.

APPEAL

Where have our teapots gone?
Does anyone know where two of the larger pavilion teapots have gone please?
They were sorely missed at both the Jubilee and Carnival. We will need them again for other upcoming events too.



Please contact Penny Reynolds or email the editors if you know where the teapots might be.



Play Area Renewed

The children’s play area has been fundamentally revamped and renewed. Thanks to all who made this happen.

We had a grand opening of the new facilities at the start of carnival on 18th June. Some photos are shown below. Cutting the ribbon was undertaken by children from primary and pre-school as well as Tracy Silk representing Platform Housing



Carnival / Celebration Event

It was good to see the playing field full of people enjoying the Carnival for the first time in 3 years. In parallel with the Carnival, Playing Fields held its Afternoon Tea event to celebrate the completion of our several major projects undertaken in the last 4 years, the latest being new windows in the older part of the building. Also the re-opening of the facilities after all of the Covid restrictions. Most significantly we had a presentation to John Morton, following his retirement as chair of the playing fields committee, in appreciation of his 47 years in the role.



John's wife Mary also cut our Pavilion Cake:



Recruiting

The committee is still very keen to involve a wider range of people in the management of the facilities. Playing Fields are owned and run by a charity which has to have a proper committee and elected officers. We need the next generation to step up and join us in the running of these facilities. If you value the Playing Field, Play Area and Pavilion, then we need more younger members on the committee to keep the facilities running. If you need these facilities to be here for events like the Carnival, then come and join our management team to help ensure they continue to exist. If you think that Playing Fields should be run in a better way, then join our committee so you can influence how they function.

We hope to hear from some of you soon.

MUGA

Quite a lot of work has been undertaken in improving the drainage at the perimeter of the MUGA. This will hopefully make it less prone to puddling of water on the surface every time there is a hint of heavy rain. Further work on cleaning is ongoing.

Exhibition

We have a set of wall display frames in the Youth Room so that our user groups can put on exhibitions of their activity.

Currently The Grindleford Art Group have an exhibition of some of their work.



Supper Club

Supper Club is taking a break for the Summer, but will be back on the last Friday evening in September - 30th. There will be a seasonal meal comprising main course, dessert and at the end coffee or tea accompanied by a short talk or a performance. There will be a charge of £20 per head which includes meal and room costs; bring your own drinks. The event is a fundraiser for the Pavilion and Playing Fields.

At this first meeting back, we hope to include a talk about Red Deer, with the date occurring at the same time as the Rut.

Information will be sent out nearer the time to the Supper Club mailing list. If you want to join that list then email grindlefordsupperclub@gmail.com

FRANK GALBRAITH

In the last issue of The News we were reminded of the amazing 47 years of service to the Playing Fields Committee from John Morton, so we thought it time to say thank you to another village committee stalwart: Frank Galbraith.

Frank, his wife Carol and their 3 children Duncan, Sean and Vanessa moved here in 1982 and became fully involved in village activities. Carol's contribution to the WI and Lunch Club has been acknowledged in a previous issue.

As Frank enjoyed walking and rock climbing, he joined the Playing Fields Committee (he was still a member at the time of our interview) and was a founder of the village walking group, even organising walking holidays abroad for them.

After a chance meeting with a Dark Peak runner, he took up running and, noting that other villages had a fell race, established one here as part of the Carnival week. It began with just over a 100 runners but now regularly attracts up to 400. Frank has also been Chair of the Carnival Committee and is famous for his auctioneering at the end of The Horticultural Show.

Frank is a man of ideas: the popular Burns' Night Supper was his as was the swap shop in the days when the recycling lorry came to the Playing Fields car park. Indeed, The Grindleford News was started by Frank as typed foolscap rather than the high tech version it is today!

All in all, village life has been enriched by Frank so The Grindleford News sends its first editor a very big THANK YOU.

Congratulations to Grindleford Playing Fields Committee!

The recent completion of the redevelopment of the Bishop Pavilion and installation of new play equipment on the Bridge Field by the Playing Fields Committee deserves much praise. A huge amount of work and effort has been put into the projects and everyone concerned are to be thanked and congratulated.

The origins of the Playing Fields Committee go back to the 1920's when the Grindleford District Institute Committee was formed to provide a village hall, but the scheme did not attract sufficient financial backing as the great depression was taking hold.

So, in March 1930 the funds that had been raised were put towards purchasing the top part of what became the Old Playing Field, a plot of just one acre. A board of the Trustees were appointed, and a committee elected to run the project of developing the site.

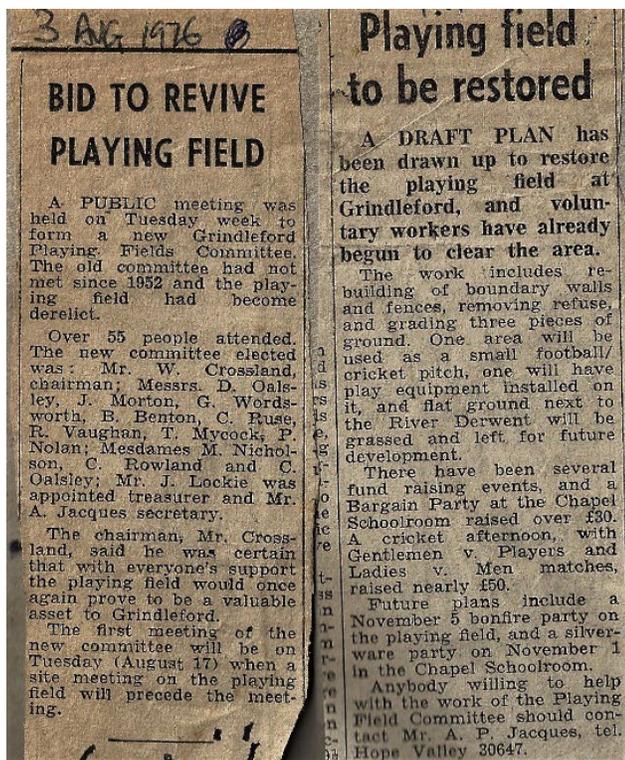
Due to financial constraints, progress was slow, and development limited to providing two sets of swings, a wooden shelter and some plank benches. A level area was also used for cricket practice. Then along came World War 2 and almost everything else in village life came to a halt. The bottom part of the field was used as allotments under the Dig for Victory Plan.

The post war period was a difficult time and with money and resources being limited, the Playing Fields became moribund. The last time that the Committee met was in 1952 and the field was becoming overgrown and derelict.

In the late 1960's a group of football mad village lads (of which I was one) created a small football pitch, complete with goalposts and nets, for us to stage kickabouts, as practice on the Grindleford F.C. pitch was forbidden.

In 1976 Grindleford School marked its Centenary and several events were held to celebrate it. This prompted an interest in providing a safe play area for children in the

village and gave rise to the resurrection of the Playing Fields Committee. On 3rd August 1976 a public meeting attended by 55 residents was held to form a new committee.



The plan was to restore and modernise the Old Playing Field and fund raising began in earnest, including events such as a Jewellery Sale, Comic Cricket Match, Christmas Fair, Bonfire Nights, Barn Dances, Fashion Shows and the 100 Cub. A survey of the field was carried out and plans to make more level areas identified. Derbyshire County Council built an earth batter on the retaining wall along the Main Road, which was prone to collapse. A variety of grants were applied for, some were more successful than others.

The project was in full swing when, in June 1978 things took on a very different direction. The Chairman of the Committee was Robert Crossland whose family had farmed in the village for generations, in fact Alderman H.R. Crossland JP was a founder member of the old Institute Committee.

Robert was selling some land and he offered the Playing Fields Committee the first chance to buy the Bridge Field for £6,500, which appeared to be a huge sum for the 8 acres. It was too good an opportunity to miss, as the field was already used for events like Carnival, sports days and cricket.

It's a long and complex story as to how it was done, but the purchase was completed and loans paid off by January 1983, by which time the Pavilion build was underway with help from the Manpower Services Commission Sheffield Taskforce. Fundraising and grant applications were ongoing, but the project was stuttering a bit under the burdens of construction costs. When in March 1983 the next bombshell exploded!

The Playing Fields Trust received a legacy of £100,000 from former Grindleford resident Eric Bishop, whose Will stipulated that the legacy should be used to “build a new centre or extend an existing one”. So, a different ball game ensued with partnerships working alongside the Committee and MSC with new architects, planners and contractors.

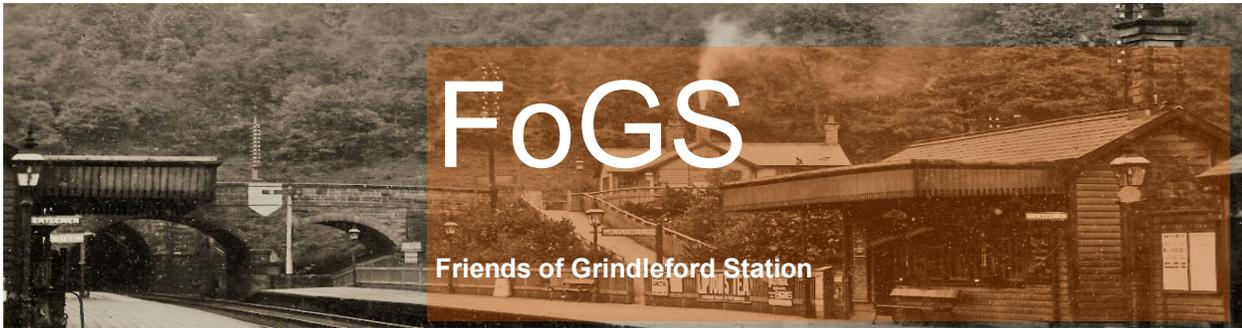
In 1982, the Bridge Field project won two awards. Placed joint first in the Derbyshire Rural Community Council’s Village Ventures competition, it was among the 40 finalists in the national competition. An award was also given by Bass North Community Awards for voluntary organisations.

In September 1984 the eight-year project was completed and an official opening ceremony was performed by the Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire, Colonel Peter Hilton.



After the completion of the latest projects, all the hard work by so many people over the last 45 years has come to fruition and Grindleford can be proud to have some of the best community assets in the County.

Alan Jacques,
Hon. Secretary to GPF 1976-87.



When we decided to expand our gardening to the extended Platform 2, Liz Baily successfully applied for a grant from The National Garden Scheme which we used to buy plants for the new area. It's certainly true that we have been amazed, and very pleased, at how well the plants have grown in such unpromising conditions. So to receive a plaque from The NGS recognising our efforts is very gratifying for our volunteers.



The presentation ceremony which took place on Platform 2 was attended by volunteers, Councillor Peter O'Brien and village residents. The occasion was made even more jolly by the music provided by John Sprayer and his jazz trio.

At the far right of the picture are Charlotte Hattrell and Les from VolkerRailStory JV (the company doing the work on the upgrade of the line) who along with their colleague, Alex, spent a day helping us spread top soil and mulch as well as lending a hand with weeding. We are very grateful for their support.



A reminder that there are no trains from Grindleford during all weekends in July while vital work takes place as part of the Valley upgrade but the good news is that on their return Northern has introduced what is believed to be a regular 6 car weekend service to alleviate the terrible overcrowding that has been happening.

ADVANCE NOTICE

This year's Station to Station walk will take place on Saturday 1st October. Starting from Dore Station it is a 7 mile walk over the moors passing the Topley Tunnel ventilation shaft. Led by a knowledgeable guide, points of railway interest will be pointed out. Refreshments at Longshaw or Grindleford Station Café. The 9.49 train from Grindleford will get walkers to Dore for the start of the walk.

If you would like to join our friendly group or give a hand on our gardening dates, contact details are included in the list at the end of The News.

Colleen Gray

Grindleford

Horticultural Society

SHOW: SATURDAY 20TH AUGUST

The Grindleford Horticultural Show takes place on the Saturday 20th August. A lot of effort has gone into getting a good mixture of stalls this year, the Hathersage Band, Punch & Judy man is back and we hope that we will see a continuation of last year's great entries. The show schedule will be dropping through your door shortly, if its not already done so. You can also get a copy from our website. Last years layout worked well so we are planning to do the same again, thou probably won't need a one-way system. The show is much more than just flowers and vegetables. The highlight for me is always the children's entries, in particular animal magic, but we should not forget wine, baking, floral displays, poetry, prose, art & crafts. So many areas you can enter.

Entry details are submitted on the Thursday (18th August) evening at the Bishop pavilion, some entries in the arts category are also submitted on this evening.

To make the show happen we are very reliant on members of the community helping with the set up on the Friday, on show day car parking, managing entry and take down at end of the show. If you can help for a few hours, we would very much like to hear from you, please contact the show manager David Jackson 07713 630584, DJLJ23@yahoo.co.uk.

3 good reasons to join the society (£5.00) are discounts at 3 local garden centres off full priced plants. Details on our website, why else might you join, talks, advice and visits to local gardens. Of course all of this takes some organising and if anybody would like to help us on the committee then it would be much appreciated.

Please contact David Jackson 07713 630584, DJLJ23@yahoo.co.uk

Website: <https://grindlefordhorticulturalsociety.weebly.com/>

WHAT HAVE TICKS EVER DONE FOR US ?



Ticks are unpleasant things as they suck the blood of their hosts and they are now increasingly common around the Peak District and across large parts of the UK. It is the time of year when our dog Roxy is continually picking up ticks that we have to remove.

So, what are they and what can they do to us and our pets ?

Ticks are not insects but are a blood sucking member of the spider family. There are about 20 different species of tick in the UK and they can be active all year around but their numbers increase from late March to a peak in the Spring and Summer and can remain active until October.

Ticks live in areas where the habitat, the microclimate and the availability of host animals sustain a high survival rate. The areas that provide such a home tend to be rough grassland, moorland and woodland with a moist layer of vegetation. This is of particular importance as ticks are dependent upon a moisture level above 80 % as otherwise they will dry out, become desiccated and die.

The sort of areas described above are found locally. We also have a lot of wild hosts for the ticks to feed upon as they move through their life cycle. We have a high population of rabbits, deer, ground and nesting birds and a lot of grazing livestock (cows and sheep). It is sheep that are thought to provide one of the most important hosts for ticks along with the increasing number of deer.

If you go down to the woods....

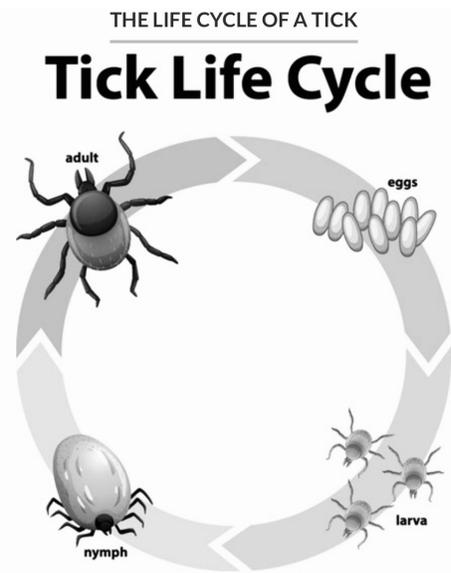
Ticks have no eyes and therefore cannot see us coming but they have a sophisticated range of abilities - they can sense the carbon dioxide that we breathe out, detect our body odour, they can feel the vibrations of our movements as we walk along and they can detect our body heat. A Predator in every sense.

When the conditions are right the tick climbs up the vegetation and waves its outstretched front legs about whilst hanging on with the 3rd and 4th pairs of legs, in what is known as “Questing”, until it comes into contact with a human or animal host who brushes against the vegetation and the tick climbs aboard. They cannot jump or fly but once they are upon the host the tick can move quickly to find a nice warm area - in a human this can be behind your knees, your armpits, scalp, waist or groin - and then they begin to feed.

When the tick is happy with the food spot, it grasps the skin, secretes a small amount of anaesthetic saliva and cuts into the surface to make an opening into which it inserts its barbed feeding tube from which it slowly sucks out the blood. Some species produce a type of cement to keep them firmly attached whilst feeding.

If you do not find them they will hang around for a few days before dropping off after it has engorged itself on blood - but in some cases they can linger for up to two weeks!

It is unlikely that you will be aware that you have been bitten by a tick (especially the smaller nymph and larvae) as it will not hurt and rarely itches. They are also small and may be mistaken for a freckle but once they begin to fill up with blood they are easier to spot as an adult tick can grow up to 10mm in size.



The Circle of Life.

When the eggs hatch, out pops a Larva with 6 legs and it immediately seeks a host to feed upon - usually a small animal. Once full the Larvae drops off the host animal and takes some time to digest the food and to grow for 1 to 3 weeks. The Larva then molts its outer skin and emerges as a Nymph - amazingly now with 8 legs! A host is sought and feeding continues and the process of molting can occur numerous times until the adult tick emerges.

Prior to mating the female tick likes to feed for 24 hours or more before mating with an equally well fed male albeit the engorged female tick is many times bigger than the male. The male dies soon after and the female will go on to lay between 2,000 and 18,000 eggs before she too dies and the whole cycle starts afresh.

The Danger posed by Ticks

As ticks live off the blood of their hosts they can ingest and then transmit diseases such as Lyme Disease to their host be that human, animal or bird, wild and domesticated. Pets can contract multiple diseases from a single bite and it is more common in dogs than cats because most cats clean themselves.

Lymes Disease can be serious involving a slowly expanding circular rash, flu like symptoms, fatigue, muscle and joint pain - all of which can be treated but prevention is better than cure.

When you are walking be aware on woodland tracks and moorland, check yourself, your children and your pet and if you do find a tick only remove it using a Tick Twister or tweezers. The mouthparts of the tick are barbed and can be hard to remove but if not removed the bite can become infected.

What's the Purpose of a Tick ?

If disease-carrying blood sucking parasites does not float your boat you may think what is the point of them. They do have a purpose in that they are a food source for many other creatures, they serve to control wild animal species and scientists use them as a health and stability indicator for the ecosystem.

Knowing that they are a vital food source for birds (woodland birds and grouse), animals and amphibians may just make you appreciate these amazing little critters.



Peter's Page

News from Your Derbyshire Dales District Councillor

I hope that everyone who pays their Council Tax by direct debit, and is in Council Tax bands A to D has now received their £150 'energy payment'. If not, please let me know. If you don't pay by direct debit, you will very soon (if not already when reading this) receive a voucher which you can exchange for cash at any Post Office - Eyam, Calver or Hathersage are the nearest.

The Council is also setting up a discretionary scheme. The full details aren't available yet, but there will be a payment (probably £175) to households who receive Council Tax support and are in Council Tax bands E to H, plus an extra payment (probably £25) to those receiving Council Tax support and in Bands A to D. These payments will be made automatically if you pay Council Tax by direct debit, or by voucher if not.

There is also a small fund for people who are experiencing financial hardship but aren't covered by the above schemes. You will have to apply directly to the Council for this; contact me for the details.

Residents who live near the station will be aware of the long-standing issue with night-time noise and disturbance from works by Network Rail. Despite continued assurances, there has been very little, if any, improvement so I have organised meetings with Environmental Health. Theoretically they can take action if they don't think Network Rail are doing enough to reduce the impact of the works, but unfortunately it is also a battle to persuade them to take the problem seriously. A meeting with our MP hasn't had any noticeable effect either. We aren't giving up though, and the aim is eventually to persuade Network Rail to move their operations base somewhere else, so that residents can enjoy the same peace and harmony they did 10 or so years ago.

Hopefully our refuse collection problems have mostly disappeared. But there are still big issues behind the scenes, and the Council is now looking at the possibility of

bringing the service back ‘in house’. We should have the results of this exercise by the end of the year. Thanks to all those residents who have joined me in calling for this.

The Sir William – I have spoken to Greene King, who tell me that they have every intention of reopening the pub, once they have completed some upgrading of the building and found a new tenant. Let’s hope they live up to this, and we don’t have to wait too long for this valuable village facility to be up and running again.

In the last edition of the GN, I mentioned ‘Levelling Up’, and how I thought it was important that rural villages like ours saw some of the benefit. The Council has received another £1.9 million, and I have asked that we set up a ‘Local Pride’ fund specifically for villages so that they can carry out small scale environmental improvements. I’m not sure if I will be successful, but hopefully I will have more news in September.

And a reminder of the Local Projects Fund – small grants for local organisations who want to do something for the benefit of our local community. Contact me for details, or look on the Council’s website.

Councillor Peter O’Brien

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MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library will be visiting Grindleford on

Wednesday 6th July and Wednesday 3rd August.

Mount Pleasant 1.25pm to 1.50pm

Sir William 1.55 to 2.25pm





Hi everyone,

It's hard to believe we are already nearing the end of this academic year! Our eldest children have started preparing to move up to school; a really exciting time! We've made the most of the recent lovely weather and enjoyed lots of outside exploring and water play.



We were incredibly lucky to be able to speak to PCSO Boswell the other week. We spied him in the car park on a Community Visit and seized the opportunity to pop and say hello. He was lovely and allowed the children to look around his car and equipment, he even turned his lights on for us! We learnt lots about his job and staying safe. Thank you PCSO Boswell!



Our cream tea at the Eyam Church Centre was a great success. It was wonderful to see the community coming together, having a great time and raising a brilliant £432.53 for playgroup.

We need to say some special thank yous to everyone who supported us:

The Cream Tea society who donated the clotted cream and jam

Co-op Baslow for donating tea, coffee and milk Grindleford shop for donating tombola prizes

Nat Cross at Flossy Teacake for the generous donation of 50% of her stall proceeds and for the lovely poster design

Our parents and local supporters for donating tombola prizes

To everyone who helped on the day

Our last clothing/textile collection will take place on 18th July.

The collections this year have raised £182.80 and we want to thank everyone who has sent in donations.

We will continue collecting printer cartridges so if you have any around or know of a local business who may have some please contact us.

You can also support us when you are doing your online shopping. You can find us on Easyfundraising and Amazon Smile

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/grindlefordandeyamplaygrp/?t=Easyfundraising-lo&v=a&=>

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For more information visit <https://grindlefordandeyamplaygroup.org.uk/>

or email gepsupervisor@hotmail.com



The Grindelford Community Shop

The shop continues to thrive with sales this year remaining consistently above those for previous years and credit for this must be given to Peter's management. A lot of the additional sales are thanks to the cakemakers. Following the success of the Christmas cakes in December, Claire and Julie made Simnel cakes for sale at Easter which proved popular. They and the other cake makers have also continued to provide a regular supply of cakes, particularly when warm weather meant a big increase in refreshment sales. As if this was not enough, the cake makers also produced a huge number of cup cakes for the jubilee celebrations.

Those that have been in the shop recently will have noticed changes in the layout. There had been a problem with the chiller display weather, which meant that it could be difficult in hot weather to keep it cool enough. Peter decided to replace the chiller with two new fridges which now sit to the left of the existing milk fridge.



These have also increased the capacity for items that need to be kept refrigerated. To complete the change Peter worked away in the cellar to produce the new counter-top, which sits on top of the refrigerators.

Peter has put an enormous amount of effort into the running of the shop but he needs to be able to take time off. We are still looking for someone who can fill the role of part-time assistant manager. We are also always pleased to welcome new volunteers. If you are interested in getting involved in the shop in either capacity, please either speak to Peter in the shop or e-mail him: peter@grindlefordshop.co.uk.

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Allotments

We have welcomed several new members on the allotments this year and the allotments are looking very productive.

It has been more than 15 years since the allotment project was started and they are now very well established. The downside of this is that many of the original structures like gates, fencing, seating etc are coming to the end of their lives. This means that we are starting to build up a programme of refurbishment needs. Various working groups have been formed to address this. The decaying compost bays have been removed and work has been done to make the orchard into a wildflower area. It is hoped that over the Summer further work can be done on other improvements. It was always intended that the allotments should be seen as an amenity for the wider village, particularly the orchard area and the wildlife pond by the river so it is hoped that these can be restored as pleasant areas to sit and for children to play.

There is still a waiting list for allotments but many of those on the list have been able to share part of an allotment with an existing allotment holder. This both maximises the use of the allotments and also means that there are only a few people on the list who have not yet got something. If you wish to join the waiting list please e-mail: michaelc@thewrens.f9.co.uk

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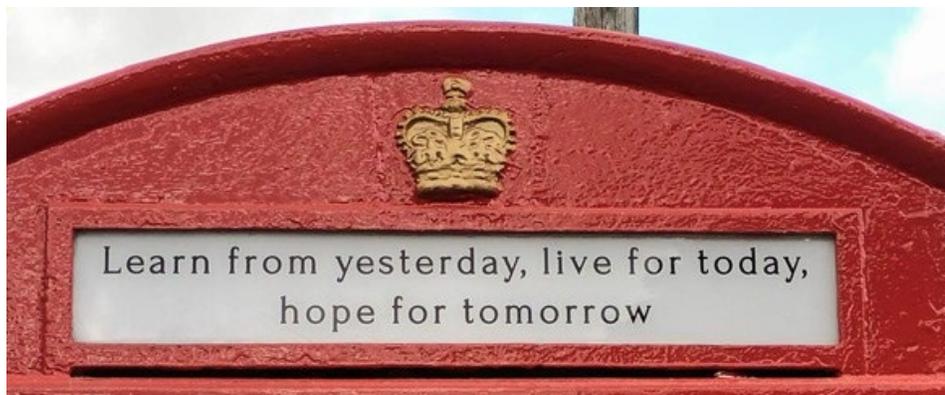
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Despite the miserable weather there was a lovely turnout for the Jubilee party on 5 June. Dismal rain did nothing to deter more than a hundred folk coming to drink Her Majesty's tea, listen to our super homegrown banjoists Helmut and Kit - weren't they wonderful? - and eat the splendid array of cup cakes which the shop bakers had spun up out of magic and joy. Thanks to everyone who helped. Over £300 was raised for the Trussell Trust food bank charity.

Before that we finally opened the village phone box. Lots of you attended and our own Peter O'Brien cut the blue and white ribbon (we already had the red see) we waved little plastic flags and gorgeous scenes of little visitors keen to get in and find a book. All at their eye height. The box is curated, with donated books going to the shop and the selection rotated.



There's a seed swap too and a little things swap box. Various good folk maintain it. We love our Curators and also our Sweeper-outer and Window cleaner, she'll save your life and walk your dog as well if you ask her nicely. Huge thanks to Matt, Shelfman, and to our wonderful Bob for pretty much everything else what a man... so generally good effort Team Telephone Box! We did it! And it's a champ.



The New Grindleford Archive

Betwixt the telephone opening and the tea drinking was the Village Histories walk, bravely tackled by some stalwarts. The walk routes and the A4 Histories of various places of interest are now all in the village website awaiting transfer to the new village archive which will sit on the Parish Council website from the autumn grindlefordparishcouncil.co.uk

Meanwhile scan the QR code in the phone box which is the starting point, or look on the village website under Parish Council.

Even better, take a look at Alan Jacques' fantastic Platinum Jubilee Perimeter Walk, twelve miles in total round our village and our lasting commemoration to the historic Jubilee.

Traffic Through Grindleford

The extra traffic through Grindleford seems to getting worse. Our District Council has written to the County Council asking for some urgent mitigating measures. Any developments will be reported on the noticeboard and the Parish council website see above.

Litter picking

Established since 2014 the Grindleford Village Litter pick has collected over 500 bin bags worth of litter and countless other items, usually over two annual village pick events. The Parish Council has provided a whole host of tools and support, and it is now time for another organiser to step forward. If you wish to volunteer for this worthwhile task, please contact the Clerk of the Parish Council.

Email grindleparish@gmail.com

Planning applications and approvals

As ever you can see these on the Peak Park Planning Portal.

I have often thought of the postman's bringing me a letter as one of the pleasures I shall miss in heaven – Elizabeth Gaskell

Grindleford has always been lucky with its great service from the Post Office and Royal Mail. In the past, through our own Postmaster John Morton, ably assisted by Mary and our two friendly postmen, John and Pete. Now we have the equally friendly, Jarek and his cover postie, Lisa. So Grindleford News thought it would be good to catch up with Jarek, after his round, and find out a little more about him.

Jarek, who has a background in IT, and his wife, who is a pharmacist, come from Lublin in Poland. When they saw an advert for a pharmacist post in Swansea they decided it would be a challenge and an adventure to come to Britain; perhaps for three years. Well, those three years have turned into 17! They had friends in Sheffield and eventually moved there. It was while attending Sheffield College for English lessons that a friend told Jarek about a job with Royal Mail. Despite the interview being his first, he got the job and for 12 years delivered mail in Hope, Castleton, Edale and Bradwell. Eventually, the round in Grindleford came up. Although he was nervous to take over from John and Pete, he had covered their rounds when they were away so he already knew the village.

Jarek is a very active person who enjoys demanding walks so Grindleford is a perfect spot for him and he very much feels part of the community. It's fair to say that Grindleford residents also feel that he is an important member of our village.

Here are just a few of the stories that were shared with us:

Last year we were struggling to put a kayak on the roof of our van in a friend's drive. At the crucial moment, Jarek appeared and, when cheekily asked, helped lift it on with great competence. The next day we were putting on kayak 2. As soon as Jarek saw us, he rushed over and, without a word, lifted it on.

Jarek went above and beyond the call of duty for our family when we had to move out of our house and were then in 2 temporary locations in the village over six months. He just found us, wherever we were and delivered our post with a smile and a chat. He's a star.

He's a man of the dogs – they all bloody love him!

Dogs adore him and he has time to stroke them and make them special and he is super aware about their security.

Our dog, Rose, adores him and never misses a chance to see him.

Our letterbox is in the conservatory where the dogs sleep. Jarek sees it as a challenge to see if he can get the post through the letterbox without waking them up.

I love it that he is so grateful if you meet him at the bottom of the steps and save him a trip!

This final comment sums up perfectly how villagers feel about him:

He always has a smile and the village would be a sadder place without him.

THANK YOU, JAREK!

Calling Grindleford women writers!

I've been running a group for women writers called The Living Line for about 10 years. Used to be a day a month at my house in Grindleford, more recently on Zoom. We've mainly focussed on contemporary women's poetry, but I'm looking to diversify if there's interest in other forms, having recently finished a novel myself. I'm also planning some 'live' sessions in the summer, with time spent being inspired by the great outdoors.

Do let me know if you might be interested, and something about your writing and reading background would be useful. My day workshops will cost about £30.

Email me cora@thirteenthmoon.co.uk

Cora Greenhill

St Helen's Church

News

St Helen's Church in Grindleford will be celebrating its annual Patronal Festival on Sunday 21st of August with a special service at 10 am. All are welcome, so do please join us.

The tradition of naming church buildings after saints goes back to the early centuries, when they built the first churches over the graves of a local saint or a martyr who had died for his or her faith, making them their patron saint, and celebrating yearly the day of their martyrdom as their Patronal Festival

St Helen's Church was dedicated on 21st September 1910, so our building is nearly 112 years old.

Apparently there are 121 Church of England buildings dedicated to St Helen. It's one of the rarer dedications. St Mary is the most common with 2368 church buildings.

Helena was the mother of Constantine, the Roman Emperor who made Christianity the official faith across the Empire.

Constantine gave his mum unlimited access to the imperial treasury to be a sort of female Indiana Jones, travelling to Palestine to search for relics of the Christian past. She also had churches built in key places like Bethlehem and on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem. Perhaps that's why our church building was dedicated to St Helen, because she was a founder of new churches.

Buildings of course need regular maintenance and refurbishment, and I expect you are wondering where we've got to with our plans to put a new roof on St Helen's, improve the insulation and make the most of solar panels and other green technologies to reduce our carbon footprint and develop further our very successful partnership of Community Shop and Church and, so that St Helen's continues to be at the heart of this community, open seven days a week, providing welcome,

hospitality and sustenance for both body and soul for our many pilgrims and visitors to our beautiful village as well as all who live here.

The answer is, we've not only been delayed by Covid, the resulting shortages and the hike in prices of building materials, but we've also discovered we've got bats, which are protected by law. We have had surveys done to find out how many bats, what species and where they hang out, and on the back of this evidence we will have to apply for a special licence to go ahead with our building works in a suitably bat-friendly way. This may delay the reroofing further and push this phase into 2023. But then Rome wasn't built in a day, so let's not be grumpy or *take our bat home*. Patience and perseverance are saintly qualities that we would do well to develop in these challenging times. Just imagine hanging upside down for hours on end....

Paul Moore is Priest-in-Charge of Grindleford. Bamford and Hathersage.

Announcements

Peter Tregenza

Sadly Peter Tregenza died after a short illness on Sunday 26 June.

His funeral was held in St Helen's Church on Friday 8 July.

Please note an obituary will follow in the next edition

Mrs Janet Weston

Jan Weston of Mount Pleasant Court and formally of Goatscliffe Knoll died on 30th June following a short stay in hospital after a fall.

Grindleford Gaiters

The Gaiters walking group continues our varied walking programme. The photo below shows the Gaiters at the Burr Wood at bluebell time on a walk around Shillito Woods, Unthank and Car Road.

The Gaiters walk fortnightly on Thursdays, generally meeting outside the church at 9:30. Our Walk leaders usually select a walk suitable for the conditions at the time.

Gaiters Walk Days, 2022, Thursdays					
14 July	28 July	11 Aug	25 Aug	8 Sept	22 Sept
					

Our 3 month walking schedule is shown here. Our first walk in July will be on the 14th.

We welcome new Grindleford walkers to our group. Most walks are typically about 5 miles; so to join us you will need to be fit enough to walk this distance over Peak District terrain, such as moorland and rocky paths. You should also be suitably equipped and bring a hot drink or water.

At the end of our walks we usually enjoy a good lunch together.

Keep walking.

Tim Reynolds, 630023

An Account of Law Enforcement in the Village and the “Grindleford Bobby”

Rosemary Lockie, June 2022

A large amount of fascinating material on the matter of Law Enforcement over the centuries has come to light as a result of research for this article. It has therefore been necessary to split it into more than one part. Part One covers a period up to the end of the 19th century, and the advent of Grindleford’s first “Village Bobby”.

The fact that Grindleford had its own “thin blue line” might seem surprising to some, but not so very long ago, within living memory (mine, at least!), Grindleford had a resident constable, and a “Police House” (or Police Station, if you prefer!), for the constable’s comfort and the village’s convenience. It was the first property in the block of 4 Red Brick Houses, seen on the left when leaving the village in the Calver direction - No 1 Goatscliffe Knoll. A Police Notice Board may be seen on the occasional old postcard, showing the properties.

Early forms of law enforcement were in place in the UK by Anglo Saxon times - the *posse comitatus* (“power of the county”) or “posse” being active by the 9th century. The “posse” is “*in common law a group of people mobilized by the conservator of peace – typically a sheriff – to suppress lawlessness or defend the county*” ([Wikipedia](#)).

The notion of a posse immediately brings to mind favourite films, including those of the “spoof” variety - *Carry on Cowboy*, and *Blazing Saddles*, and of course the cliches such as “we’ll head them off at the pass”! However, whilst the posse may be no more, the role of “High Sheriff” survives to the present day. It may be a prestigious role, but I understand those who bear the title have to buy their own sword, and regalia, and swords don’t come cheap!

During the 14th and 15th centuries, yew trees were planted in churchyards, to supply wood for making Longbows. At the Battle of Agincourt (1415), the skill of the English Longbow Archers is believed to have been the deciding factor in bringing victory to Henry V. As a consequence, the King, having decided he was onto a

winner, decreed the responsibility should rest with every parish for providing the raw material. Traditionally two “Local Heroes” fought at Agincourt - Robert Eyre, of Padley Manor, and Samson Meverell, of Tideswell, and at a lower level, young men of the parish were expected to practice archery skills in “the Butts”, the locations of which locally may be suggested, for instance, by “Butts Road” in Bakewell.

Various Acts in the Tudor period led to the formation of trained bands of “men and armour”, overseen by a Lord Lieutenant - the Militia. The **Derbyshire Record Society** has recently (2021) published lists of the *Derbyshire Musters of 1638-9* - the names of all able-bodied men between the ages of 16 and 60, who were likely to be called upon to bear arms in defence of their country. The Derbyshire lists include only names, but a similar publication for Gloucestershire: **“Men & Armour for Gloucestershire in 1608**, includes an indication of a man’s age, and the type of arms he was expected to be able to bear, the latter based on his “stature”:

- p.* “a man of the tallest stature fitt to make a pykeman”.
- m.* “a man of a middle stature fitt to make a musketyer”.
- ca.* “a man of a lower stature fitt to serve with a Calyver”.
- py.* “a man of the meanest stature either fit for a pyoner, or of little other use”.
- tr.* “at the takinge of this viewe, [the man] was then a trayned soldyer”.
- sub.* ” the said man was then a subsidy man”.

In practice the administration would be carried out by a number of deputy lieutenants, “and on their keenness and activity depended the success or failure of the militia”. In turn their duties devolved to High Constables, who supervised the “Petty Constables” in their sub-division, or constabulary. The petty constables “were supposed to be drawn from the better-off male householders of each constabulary and could usually read and write”. They were responsible for recording names (“Don’t tell them, Pike!”), and informing men of their duties. Grindleford would have been included in the Hundred of High Peak, and in the above publication the names are listed under “Hasleford & [Eyam] Woodland” (37 entries).

In Derbyshire, the office of Lord Lieutenant was held from 1565 to his death in 1590 by George Talbot, 6th Earl of Shrewsbury. His name will be familiar to many of us as overseeing the raid on Padley Manor, to arrest the Catholic priests, Nicholas Garlick and Robert Ludlam, together with the Lord of the Manor, Sir John Fitzherbert, in 1588. The estate was forfeited to Talbot the same year.

The foundations of regular armed forces were laid in the reign of James I. (1604-1624), honed by Oliver Cromwell (his “New Model Army”), and formalised at the Restoration in 1660. The Militia, however would continue to play a part, in maintaining order at a local level. This was formalised in *the Militia Act of 1757*, in which each county was to raise a certain number of men, selected by a compulsory ballot, “*however, if you could afford to pay you could engage a substitute*” - Cumberland Military History.

Thereafter, law enforcement evolved gradually, and almost imperceptibly, from the age of the Militia, who would be dealing with cases of civil unrest, to the Police Force we know today. It is difficult, if not impossible to separate the various laws, and means of enforcement to bridge the two in such a short article. Likewise over a gradual time span, the roles of the Lord Lieutenant, and (High) Sheriff became ceremonial. Curiously, however, the Sheriff’s powers were not formalised until the Sheriffs Act of 1887, by which time Sir Robert Peel’s Metropolitan Police Force, founded in 1829, had been in place for nearly 60 years, and the Derbyshire Police Force had been active since 1857.

It has not been possible to tell, other than in general terms, how the process may have impacted on Grindleford residents until the 19th and early 20th centuries, when old newspaper accounts provide surprising detail. Before that, we do know that at least, Eyam, and Baslow, had night watchmen, from references in the parish registers, and by hearsay, from the watchman’s hut on Baslow Bridge. Lists of “petty” or parish constables do survive for some parishes in Derbyshire, for example Old Brampton, but to the best of my knowledge no similar documents survive for our immediate area.

Nevertheless, old newspapers do record incidents of law-breakers in Grindleford. The earliest reference I found was a report in the *Derby Mercury* for the period 9th-16th March 1744, on the Assizes at Derby. Unfortunately, the page has what looks like a burn hole in it, so I was forced to improvise with parts of the text:

“Derby March 15. This Evening ended the Assizes here, before Mr. Justice Chappel, and Mr. Justice Abney, when Robert Ashmore, late of Bakewell, receiv'd Sentence of Death for Horse-Stealing. Elizabeth Rowe was 'Try'd for Sheep-Stealing and Acquitted. And John Miller [and] Mary his Wife, (remov'd by Habeas Corpus [to York]) were 'Try'd for breaking open a Sh[op] at Grindleford Bridge in this County, and Stea[ling] a large Quantity of Goods, &c. the Man was [???]der'd for 'Transportation for 7 Years, and the Woman Acquitted.”

The following century, the *Derbyshire Times*, of 13th August 13, 1887, reported on a case of “*Night Poaching at Nether Padley*”. The case was tried at Bakewell Police Court, with Mr. Payne of Handley appearing for the prosecution, and Mr. Skidmore for the defendants, Henry Green, a labourer, and John Hibbs, a joiner, both of Grindleford Bridge. They were charged with trespassing in search of game, at 3.30 a.m. on July 24th.

“George Outram, the gamekeeper to Mr. Booth of Leam Hall said at 3.30 on the morning of the 24th July he was on duty with Tom Outram, and saw them in a field tenanted by Mr. Henry Robert Crossland shot over by his Grace the Duke of Rutland. Hibbs was carrying a long net and the other defendant was carrying a bag which evidently contained rabbits as the leg of a rabbit was ‘sticking out’” ... By way of defence, “Hibbs was called and swore that having lodgers in the house he got up unusually early and accidentally met Green. They went together to Green's father-in-law's house for a bag of coal and were carrying that when the keepers saw them... Green also gave evidence to the same effect but the Bench decided to convict, and Green who had been previously in trouble was fined £1 and costs, and Hibbs was find 10s. and costs.”

To put their fines in a present day (2021) context, the website "*Measuring Worth*" suggests £1 could be equivalent of between £118 and £1,787 in 2021, so their fines were not insignificant. Alternatively it might be more appropriate to contrast a fine of £1 against Green's income. A later newspaper article, dated 1912, records a Derbyshire County Council meeting, where twenty three members of the council opposed the establishment of a minimum wage of 20s., per week for adult roadmen, fears being expressed that "*the farm labourer who works from 6 a.m. till 6 p.m., and on a Sunday as well as weekday, for less than 20s. a week, will also demand a rise in wages at least equal to the roadman*"... From that we may deduce that Henry's fine was probably more than his weekly wages!

The gamekeepers mentioned, of course were law-keepers in their own right. The *Derby Mercury* used to publish lists of certified gamekeepers on a regular basis, together with a list of the Gentlemen they served. The order to grant the licences would be signed by the Clerk of the Peace, who, for the list published on 11th October 1787 was Anthony Lax Maynard. Maynard of course would have been as familiar a name in the village as it is in the present day, Mr. Maynard being either loved, or loathed, as the landlord of tenants in Nether Padley!

There are plenty of examples of minor wrong-doing in Grindleford to be found in old newspapers throughout the 19th century, with fines amounting to varying amounts, but I have yet to find instances of what we would consider serious misdemeanours. So as it does not appear to have been a hot bed of crime, a permanent police presence is unlikely to have been necessary. Indeed, if such a presence was needed, a police constable was probably summoned from one of the surrounding villages.

But that may have been about to change, when work began on excavating the Totley Tunnel, in 1888. One can only imagine how some residents may have been looking forward to the prosperity, and convenience the railway would bring; others may well have been dismayed by the prospect of the disruption to life as they knew it - the noise, and the smoke! When groups of navvies descended on the village, I understand the residents of Grindleford Bridge raised a petition as a protest against their "anti-

social behaviour”, which in turn led to Police Constable Arthur Pentelow being brought in to deal with the perceived trouble-makers.

Details of the careers of individual police constables will be published in Part Two. Covering a period 1892 to 1910 are Arthur Pentelow, 1892-1897; William Lewis, 1897-1901/2; John Thompson, 1902-1906, and PC James Greatorex, 1906-1909.

PC Benjamin Williams served from 1909-1913, and PC Wardle during the War years. Research for the period 1919-39 is ongoing, but it is known that PC John Thornby served between 1927-1933, and PC Robert Hadfield in 1939. PC John A.B Hadfield (no apparent relation!) was promoted to sergeant in 1948, and PC Leslie Wetherall served from 1952-1956, after which he was transferred to Barlborough. PC Reginald Anderson was Grindleford’s last serving policeman, after which I understand he was transferred to Tideswell.



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Check out all the activities going on in our pre-school and primary school:

www.grindlefordandeyamplaygroup.org.uk and

www.grindlefordprimaryschool.co.uk

Finally, don't forget the village has its own website where you can find out about what is going on locally and post details of your own events:

www.grindleford.com

If you are new to the village 'welcome' and we have a dedicated section with

information: <http://www.grindleford.com/welcome-to-grindleford/>

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